

THREE NEGROES BURIED AT STAKE FOR "ASSAULT"

Alleged Confession of One Was
Death Warrant for Others.

Murder and Assault of a White
Girl Said To Be Confessed.

HESITATED OVER BURNINGS

Mob of 500 at Kirvin, Texas, at
Last Said "All Must Go."

Final Two Cremated Screamed
Their Innocence to Last.

(By the Associated Press.)

Kirvin, Tex., May 6.—Three negroes were burned to death at the same stake here at 5 o'clock this morning by a mob of 500 determined men following their alleged implication in the criminal assault and murder of 17-year-old Eula Aweley, white girl, whose mutilated body was found near here Thursday night.

He Implicated Others.

"Snap" Curry, the first negro burned, was taken from the custody of Freestone county officers earlier in the night as he was being conveyed from Wortham to some point west. It is alleged that he confessed to the mob that had captured and murdered the girl and that in his confession he implicated two other negroes, J. H. Varney and Mose Jones.

The mob divided into two groups, one to take the two negroes to the Freestone county jail, where Jones and Varney were being held as suspects. Hurrying to the jail, the mob untied the negroes and took the two negroes in charge.

Burned in Heart of City.

All three negroes were then rushed to Kirvin, the home of the dead girl, and an iron stake driven into the ground on a small square in the heart of the town. Wood was accumulated and saturated with oil to increase its inflammability.

Curry was burned first. Then Varney and Jones. The last was consumed in burning the last, in as much as they steadfastly maintained their innocence.

Various methods failed to bring a confession from them, and they were finally cremated on the stake.

After the third negro had been burned to a crisp all three bodies were piled together and a mass of fuel and oil flung over them.

Burned the Funeral Pyre.

This was ignited, the flames soaring twenty-five or thirty feet in the air. At an early hour today, the flames were still burning fiercely, and the prospect that the bodies would be burned to ashes.

The mob rapidly dispersed, and as day dawned there were only a few persons remaining to witness the aftermath of the triple burning.

Burned in Front of Church.

All three negroes were employed on the farm of J. T. King, prominent farmer of this community and grandfather of the dead girl with whom she lived, both her parents being dead. Mr. King was present at the cremation and the mob leaders are said to have obtained his approval thereof before lighting the torches.

The lynchings were carried out deliberately. There was no discharge of firearms. The girls were returned to the stake with the negroes being dead. The bodies of the negroes were mutilated before being tied to the stake. With the exception of a few shouts and the screams of the condemned men, there was little to disturb the early morning quiet of this historic community.

The incinerations took place on a small open plot directly in front of two small churches. One of the negroes died singing a church anthem.

Inflicted 23 Knife Wounds.

Kirvin is a town of about 500 inhabitants, situated in Freestone, east central Texas, about eight miles south of Dallas. Mr. King resides at Kirvin.

Miss Aweley was riding her horse home from school when she was attacked several miles from Kirvin late Thursday night when she was attacked.

Her body was found lying on the road with twenty-three knife wounds inflicted in the head, neck and chest. News of the murder spread quickly and late Thursday night a mob of about a hundred men from Freestone and Limestone counties, and a large sheriff's posse, were scouring the neighborhood. Curry was arrested when his wife told officers he had come home with his clothes covered with blood on the night of the murder. Curry was taken to Wortham and imprisoned in a bank for safe keeping. Officers spirited the prisoner thru a rear window and started with him in an automobile toward Mexia apparently en route to Waco, but resistance seemed useless.

The prisoner was surrendered.

PEGGY IS READY TO SAIL.

On Return to Paris "Million-Dollar Doll" to Marry Letellier.

Paris, May 6.—Ill and dispirited over the notoriety brought on her name by the recent suicide of "Bint" Eastman, her South American lover, Peggy Hopkins Joyce, former American chorus girl and actress, is expected to sail today for Cherbourg to sail upon the liner Mauretania.

A report was printed here that Pierre Medillon, former suitor of Peggy and one time her husband-to-be, will accompany her to the United States, but this could not be confirmed.

It is reported Peggy will marry Henri Letellier, "the richest man in Paris," on her return.

May Music Festival Over.

Emporia, Kan., May 6.—The eighth annual May music festival at the College of Emporia closed last night with a recital by a harpists' ensemble.

William Greene, baritone; the Zoellner quartet, Dicie Howell, soprano, and the Salcedo harp ensemble were the numbers on the week's program.

Daniel A. Hirschler, dean of the school of music, directed the festival.

The WEXTER NEWS

Generally fair tonight and Sunday except
thunder showers this afternoon
tonight and Sunday. Cooler to-
night.

WILL BE A PLEASANT SUNDAY

Good Day for Baseball, Golf and
Motoring. Says Forecast.

TODAY'S TEMPERATURES.

7 o'clock.....61.11 o'clock.....71
9 o'clock.....62.12 o'clock.....74
11 o'clock.....67.1 o'clock.....73
1 o'clock.....70.2 o'clock.....76

FORECAST FOR NEXT WEEK
Considerable cloudiness and occa-
sional showers. Temperature near
normal.

Sunday will be a pleasant day with
plenty of sunshine, says Meteorologist
Flora. No more rain is likely, says
the weather man, and tomorrow will
be enjoyed by motorists, baseball fans
and other persons outdoors. The
roads were muddy today but the sun-
shine is drying them out, and a wind
from the north will clear them up.

Topeka will enjoy cool breezes
from the north tonight.

The highest temperature in Topeka
during the last twenty-four hours was
87 degrees at 2:30 o'clock Friday after-
noon. This was the highest tem-
perature since May 1.

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"BIG 3" TO TOPEKA

Democratic Candidates for Gov-
ernor Here Wednesday.

Nomination of Aspirants for the
County Offices.

Democratic candidates for county
offices are to be nominated at the
county Democratic convention which
will be held in Topeka at 2 o'clock
Wednesday afternoon, May 10.

It is expected that the three Demo-
cratic candidates for the nomination
for governor, will attend the con-
vention.

All three of them—Henderson
Martin, Col. Lerich Hunt, of Rosedale,
and George W. Davis, of Topeka, will
be here for the banquet to be held
Wednesday night at the new L. O. O.
hall.

Mr. Billie, county chairman, will
preside at the convention Wednesday
afternoon.

Several candidates selected at that time
will receive the support of the party
at the primaries in August.

GIRLS ADMIT A HOLDUP

Two of the Four Arrested Here Con-
fessed to Theft of Ford Car.

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Thursday afternoon after they had
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Rotarians Today—Their Program Will End With
Weiner Supper and Camp Fire Stunts.

Where have all the boys of Topeka
been? Topeka never knew before
that there were so many youngsters
in the parade as they were seen
in the Rotary parade at 1 o'clock
this afternoon.

Thousands and hundreds, and
dozens of them marched up Kansas
avenue on their way to the Kansas
Free Fair grounds, where this after-
noon they are the guests of the Rotary
club at a field meet and general good
time, which will continue thru a
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Parade Blocks Long.

Five or six or seven abreast, in well
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avenue. The parade was blocks long,
and there were at least 2,000 of them
there. They were ranged in the order
of their ages, the older ones first, and
then "tapering down" to the ones of
ten years or less.

The parade was headed by a platoon
of police under the command of
Rotarian R. R. Cook. Following the
police came A. Stout, carrying the
United States flag, with Gov. Henry
J. Allen, Mayor Herbert J. Corwin,
J. Ralph McEntire, president of the
Rotary club, and a color guard.

The Rotarians wore the fezzes
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JOBS ARE PLENTY

Widespread Industrial Awaken-
ing in U. S., Says Labor Head.

Farmers Are Becoming More in
Optimistic Frame of Mind.

H. C. L. UP SLIGHTLY, THO
But Rise Is Just for Month, as
Year Shows a Decrease.

Construction Boom Is Starting
Thruout U. S. Also.

Washington, May 6.—Employment
conditions in the United States demon-
strate that there is "widespread in-
dustrial awakening extending from
coast to coast," Secretary of Labor
Davis declared today, commenting
upon investigations and reports made
by the federal employment service.

Altho there are a few dark spots in
which considerable unemployment is
yet reported, Mr. Davis said, the
entire country can be said to have
come out of the depression.

"The farm situation is decidedly
encouraging," Mr. Davis said. "The
formation of a state league in a con-
ference here today. The meeting
which opened in Metropolitan hall in
New York, drew an attendance of 100
negroes from the states. It is likely
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The resolution adopted by the
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all workers in the building trades
will strike May 22 unless the employ-
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WOMAN WHO HAD HUSBAND'S PAPER
Says "It's Great Life."

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Charles H. Browne, who ran her hus-
band's newspaper, the Horton Head-
light-Commercial, from the time the
late Charles H. Browne died, has been
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back from overseas in June, 1919, a
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Speaking from a woman's standpoint, Mrs.
Browne concluded, "It's a great life
and I don't regret it. But she is
limited, the opportunities for "weak-
ness" are numerous.

DIES AS DAUGHTER GRADUATES.

Principal of White, Tex., School Was
About to Give Degree.

White, Tex., May 6.—While about
to deliver diplomas to the graduating
class at White high school, Prof. S. L.
Erwin, 54, principal of the school,
was stricken with a heart attack. He
was rushed to the hospital, but died
before he could be revived.

Both were born in Germany and were
married in Brooklyn, immediately
upon arriving in this country. Mr.
Erwin was 50 years old and Mrs.
Erwin is 58. They have lived in
Kansas since 1878.

IS A "FLYING DOCTOR"

Dr. and Mrs. Frank A. Brewster,
of Beaver City, Neb., to Topeka, by Air-
plane.

Dr. and Mrs. Frank A. Brewster,
of Beaver City, Neb., are expected to
arrive in Topeka at 5 o'clock this con-
tingent, to spend Sunday with
Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Hendricks, 812
Buchanan street.

Dr. Brewster uses the plane both
for pleasure trips and in his regular
practice. The machine is driven by a
pilot employed by the doctor.

A "flying doctor," as he has been
called since he adopted the plane as
his mode of locomotion, will fly back
to Beaver City, Monday.

NEGROES IN MEET

Formation of State League Is
Being Considered.

Will Ask More Favorable Laws
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